

### **REMARKS**

Applicant has amended the specification to correct a typographical error in the identification of the parent application.

Applicant filed the instant application on February 6, 2004 and filed a preliminary amendment containing a typographical error which incorrectly referenced the parent application serial number as 09/733,995. The correct application serial number is 09/488,313, now Pat. No. 6,823,031. Applicant hereby requests entry of this Amendment to the specification to correct the identified typographical error. No new matter has been added.

#### **Alternative Petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3)**

In the alternative, Applicant hereby petitions the Office to enter the domestic priority information under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78(a)(3), Applicant files herewith an amendment to the specification to claim priority benefit of earlier filed U.S. Non-provisional Application No. 09/488,313, filed on January 20, 2000.

Applicant hereby states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37 CFR § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) and the date the claim is being filed was unintentional.

While Applicant believes that no fee is required with this paper, the Office is hereby authorized and requested to charge any appropriate fee required for this paper against Deposit Account No 04-1679. Further, if necessary to effect a timely response,

this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 04-1679.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark C. Comtois', written over a horizontal line.

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